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Meeting Notice

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Council to hear briefings on maternal and child health; environmental exposures and hazards; and poverty and health

Thursday, December 9, Department of Health Town Center 2, Tumwater

On Thursday the Governor's Interagency Council on Health Disparities will hear briefings related to maternal and child health; environmental exposures and hazards; and poverty and health. The council will discuss health topics for consideration in its next State Action Plan.

The term "health disparities" describes the higher rates of disease, disability, and death among certain groups when compared to the general population. Serious disparities among racial/ethnic groups in Washington have been well documented.

The council meets Thursday, December 9, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Department of Health Town Center 2, 111 Israel Road S.E., Tumwater, room 158. Council members will be participating by teleconference from various locations around the state. Members of the public are welcome to attend at the Tumwater location. The meeting is open and the public is invited to provide testimony at 3:20 p.m.

More information is available on the [Health Disparities Council website](http://www.healthequity.wa.gov)

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